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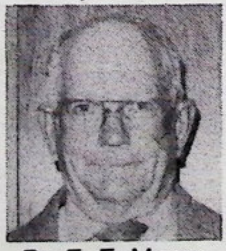

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is my duty to call for nominations for NCNA's 1996 officers and directors and to NCNA's 1995 awards. The offices for which nominations are needed and their current occupants are:

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We also need nominations for the Numismatist of the Year Award and the Junior Numismatist of the Year Award. Nominations for all these may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Box 20653, Greensboro NC 27420.

Plans are well underway for our 1995 convention to be held at the Village Green on Meadowview just off Randleman Rd a block away from Exit 124 on I-85. This is a about as centrally located as you can get in the state of North Carolina. Ted Hendrick has the contracts out and is looking for a good turnout.

I would like to thank those who responded to my call in my last message with donations for the auction to be held with the Convention and cash donations.

Paul Greene
President

COLLECTING EARLY U. S. COINS BY DIE VARIETY
BY MARK SMITH
PART 5
Join the Club

Previous articles in this series have espoused collecting pre-Gobrecht coins by die variety. Information about variety identification and rarity is necessary to properly function in collecting pursuit.

A list of possible books and other literary sources were presented to form a foundation of knowledge. However, literary material is usually static. It takes months or even years for new information to be published in this manner.

For instance, the recent Browning "Quarter Book" effort was originally published in 1925, last reprinted in 1977 (with little or no new information), and finally the 1993 update.

Valentine's book on Half Dimes was first published in 1931 and reprinted several times with some new information. The last reprint was 1984 and it contained little information on identification of approximately 18 varieties that had been discovered in the capped bust series alone between 1931 and 1984. This phenomenon is similar for many other early series. With a considerable amount of on-going study into these coins of yesteryear, how does an novice collector get up to date and stay up to date? The answer is simple. Join the club.

At this time, there are three numismatic organizations actively pursuing the study of bust coinage. Each has staked out its own field of interest. Each is supported by many of the foremost scholars, dealers, and numismatic researchers in early U. S. coinage. Each publishes regular newsletters or journals, with many articles from the aforementioned

members. Each has regular meetings at ANA Conventions and other major regional shows. Last but not least, each serves to place the latest in research into the hands of interested collectors. Yearly membership costs are nominal and barely cover the price of printing and mailings. The knowledge to purchase a single rare variety can easily reimburse a lifetime of membership fees.

Early American Coppers, Inc. (EAC) features the study of its namesake, and includes the half cent and large cent Federal issues, as well as the colonial coppers. In 1981, the membership voted to include the Hard Times tokens of the 1830's. Its journal, "Penny-Wise" is published six times per year, and is full of everything from historical and biographical information, grading, auction reports, condition census by date and variety, die states, etc., etc., etc.. Membership is a must for a copper variety collector, would be very beneficial to a date or type collector, and to numismatists in general.

John Reich Collectors Society (JRCS) began in 1986, and in its infancy, was promoted by the five co-authors of "Early United States Dimes -1796-1837". Its endeavor is in pre-Gobrecht silver and gold coinage, but seems to primarily rest with the silver issues. The "John Reich Journal" is currently issued quarterly, and contains articles of a similar nature as "Penny-Wise". Census data is published and maintained by die variety on all silver series of this era. For collectors of early U.S. silver, membership is imperative. The discovery of the recent new 1794 Half Dollar variety was first published in this Journal.

The Bust Half Nut Club's area of specialty is self-evident, and does overlap somewhat with JRCS above. Its membership criteria are more stringent than those above, as a prospective member must own at least 100 different Overton varieties of the bust half, must

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NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC SPEAKERS BUREAU

North Carolina is fortunate to have a number of experts in various fields of numismatics who have expressed a willingness to share their knowledge with fellow coin collectors throughout the state. See directions at the end for arranging for speakers. The following titles are available.

The Battle of Vigo Bay: The main naval engagement during Queen Anne's War (1702) where a combined English-Dutch task force defeated the Franco-Spanish fleet and captured or burned 17 Spanish Galleons loaded with gold and silver. British coins minted from captured coins and bullion are presented. John Griffee,Kue Beach, 910-458-6005

Coins of Biblical Times: Biblical times are brought alive with a variety of contemporary coins that are either mentioned in the Bible or were issued by locations important to its history. Aaron Bass, Raleigh, 919-828-3553

Birds on Coins: Collecting coins with a theme allows numismatics to be connected with a number of other hobbies. A number of the surprising variety of birds that have been used in coin designs since ancient times will be shown. Halbert Carmichael, Raleigh , 919-832-4128

Coal Mine Scrip: After loading his "sixteen tons", many an Appalachian coal miner was paid with metallic scrip usable only at the company store. Numerous varieties of this close-to-home numismatic field are illustrated by a native of the West Virginia coal fields. George Roger, Wake Forest, 919-556-1994

Communion Tokens: John Calvin first introduced the communion token at the Council of Geneva, January 20,

1560, to approve their use in order to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Table. It was in Scotland that the token practice took its deepest roots. Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, and Baptists used both metal tokens and cards. All denominations, except the Catholics, have used the token and they have been traced all around the world.. Autence Bason, Greensboro, 910-273-0384

Early American Copper Coinage: Slide presentation and short history of the many coins and tokens that circulated in the Colonial era before the establishment of the U.S. Mint in 1793. John Griffee, Kue Beach910-458-6005

The English Penny: The lowly English penny is the oldest denomination in use in the world today. It dates back to the 8th century. The talk outlines its history and how it illustrates the history of our mother country. Halbert Carmichael, Raleigh, 919-832-4128

The First Commemorative Half-Dollar--The Columbian: The story of the World's Columbian Exposition and what happened to the 'leftovers.' John Griffee, Kure Beach, 91-0-458-6005

Historic Medals: The large format of the medal allows great detail to be recorded about a wide range of historic events. Events from U. S. and European history are illustrated. Wayne Brooke, Raleigh , 919-787-4059

How Fast Are We Loosing Our Common Cents:
Your pocket change MAY contain rarities but it certainly contains information about economic life in the United State today. A careful analysis of several hoards turns up some surprising facts. Halbert Carmichael, Raleigh , 919-832-4128

Liberty Seated Coins: Christian Gobrechts's beautiful design graced more types of our coins for a longer period

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of time than any other. The varieties of this important series will be illustrated and discussed.. Robert Izydore, Durham, 919-383-2179

Love Tokens: Many a sweetheart was presented with a simple token of affection made of grinding off one side of a silver coin and engraving a name, date or an inscription. A wide variety of coin types and inscriptions are represented. Autence Bason, Greensboro, 910-273-0384

Mayflower Pilgrims: The Pilgrim venture and the perilous voyage to America on the Mayflower in 1620 has been commemorated over the past 375 years by medals issued by various mints in the United States, Canada, England and other foreign countries. Russ Southworth, Greensboro, 910-299-5262

New Jersey State Coinage: To alleviate the shortage of 'hard money', New Jersey was one of several states to contract for the manufacture of copper coins. Slides of well-known varieties will be shown. John Griffee, Kure Beach, 910-458-6005

Treasure Coins of South America: The long and turbulent history of South America is reflected in its rich coinage from Spanish colonial times through to the 20th Century. Alex Armstrong, Mebane, 919-563-9292

Coin clubs should contact speakers directly. It is advantageous to make arrangements well in advance, because it is often possible for speakers to fit a talk into other travel plans. The host club would be expected to help with the speaker's travel expenses.

Autence Bason,
Chairman, Speakers Bureau

LETTERS

Dear Friends,

As you know, J. T. Stanton and I have been the very best of friends for many years, and I consider him a tremendous asset to the hobby in every respect. ;He has put on countless seminars and talks on subjects ranging from Errors and Varieties to Coin Photography, programs that have take a great deal of his personal time and money. He is eagerly sought after as a speaker by local, regional, and national clubs, and he freely gives of his expertise without fanfare.

As for his qualifications for the Board, having served in that capacity for four years myself, I feel I am very aware of the type of individual that is needed in that position. J. T.'s honesty, candor, uncompromising attention to detail and his sincere desire to bring the organization "back to the collector" are all worthy attributes for his candidacy. Even **more** important, in my opinion, is his **common sense**, some;thing that is sorely needed on the board, especially at this time.

I heartily endorse J. T. Stanton for the ANA Board, and feel he would do a superb job for the membership. He **listens**, and **thinks** before making a decision, and is not afraid to ask questions when the situation presents itself. J. T. Stanton will make an **outstanding** candidate for the board of governors of the American Numismatic Association, and he has my 100% support.

Bill Fivaz

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COIN SHOW CALENDAR

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1-4 Parker Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn. Rd., Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 2207 W. Parker Rd., Greenville SC 29611

8-11 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

16-18 International Paper Money Show, Cook Convention Center, Memphis TN, Mike Crabb, Box 17871, Memphis TN 38187

JUL 1995

6-9 Metropolitan Washington NA, New Carrolton MD, Paul Singleton, (703) 281-7053

8-9 Piedmont Triad Regional Coin & Stamp Show, American Legion Hall, Creekridge Rd., Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404

15-16 Civic Center, Roanoke VA, Emmett Yonce, 703-992-5331

15-16 Coliseum, Greensboro NC, George Rogers, Box 275, Wake Forest NC 27588

27-30 Atlantic Rarities Expo, Baltimore MD, ANA Mgmt Group, (719) 632-2646

AUG 1995

16-20 ANA Convention, Convention Center, Anaheim CA, ,

25-27 BRNA Convention, NW Ga Trade Center, Dalton GA, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

31-Sep 3 Peach State Coin Show, Atlanta GA, Larry Jackson, (404)256-3667

SEP 1995

15-17 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

22-24 Virginia Numismatic Soc, Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean VA, Keith Littlefield, 3902 Rose Lane, Annandal VA 22003

23 Camden Coin Club, American Legion Hall, Camden SC, Loran Ross, 2504 Haile St. Ext, Camden SC 29020

29-1Oct North Carolina Numismatic Association, Village Green, Greensboro NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raeligh NC 27605

OCT 1995

7-8 Piedmont Triad Regional Coin & Stamp Show, American Legion Hall, Creekridge Rd., Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404

19-22 Middle Atlantic Numismatic Assn, Cherry Hill NJ, Paul Singleton, 703-281-7053

19-22 Tennessee State Numismatic Soc, Chattanooga TN, Terry Hess, 910-766-5963

26-29 South Carolina Numismatic Assn, Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 803-246-2685

NOV 1995

11-12 Carolina Coin & Stamp Convention, Holshouser Bildg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

18-19 Cape Fear Coin Club, Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville NC, John Wills, Box 40632, Fayetteville NC 28309

DEC 1995

7-10 Suburban Washington Baltimore, Convetion Center, Baltimore MD, Gordon Berg, 301-424-1876

JAN 1996

4-7 FUN, Convention Center, Orlando FL, Cindy Grellman, 407-321-8747

13-14 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Holzhouser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

MAY 1996

4-5 Winston-Salem Coin Club, Elk Lodge, Silas Crk. Pkwy, Winston-Salem, Dale Berube, Box 30106, Winston-Salem NC 27130

JUN 1996

7-9 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

29-30 Raleigh Coin Club, Scott Bldg, St. Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Halbert Carmichael,

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22-25 Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn, NW Georgia Trade Center, Dalton GA, ,

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This coin won World Coin News' Coin of the Year Award for 1993.

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John Reich Collectors Society
Mr. David J. Davis, Pres.
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Bust Half Nut Club
Dr. I. B. Leaman, Jr., Club Manager
2392 Bal Harbour Drive
Venice, FL 34293

The most enjoyable aspect of membership is the opportunity to meet other collectors with similar interests -- either through the pen, the telephone, or in person. Not only will you gain from the vast knowledge and experiences of others, you'll enjoy the fellowship. The opportunity exists to make nationwide or perhaps worldwide friends in the area of your collecting specialty. Informal gatherings of these groups are truly events to be cherished. With the price of club membership being modest, this is possibly the best bargain in numismatics.

This represents the end of a series of articles on die variety collecting of early U. S. Coins. Hopefully, it has been of benefit to the membership. It was a delight to write. Critical comments are welcomed. Anyone with a desire for this collecting interest may contact me directly at P. O. Box 1117, Conover, NC 28613.

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